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## HIGH SCHOOL OPENED MONDAY.

### INTERESTING EXERCISES MARKED BEGINNING OF NEW TERM.

#### Enrollment of Second Day Reached 302, Largest in History of School.

The High School opened Monday morning with an attendance of 270 pupils, and Tuesday morning the number reached 302, the highest number on record for the second day of a term.

The opening of the school was attended with more ceremony than has been the case on any former occasion and a larger number of patrons were present than ever before. An attractive and elaborate program had been arranged, consisting of songs and addresses, the following gentlemen making short addresses: Rev. F. C. Edwards, Prof. W. N. Henderson, Rev. L. W. Kickliter, J. N. Langford, W. Lake, Hon. D. E. Knight, Rev. L. A. Cunningham, Rev. E. J. Gates, Rev. Sam. J. White. The addresses as well as the songs were excellent and much enjoyed by the audience.

The school opens under most favorable auspices and a successful term is confidently expected.

The faculty consists of Prof. W. N. Henderson, principal, teacher of the 11th and 12th grades.

Miss Ruth Sommer, of Dade City, 9th and 10th grades.

Miss Maoma Hill, 7th and 8th grades.

Miss Myra Newsum, 5th and 6th grades.

Miss Olive Ray, 4th grade.

Miss Lois Peek, 3d grade.

Miss Lottie Warren, 2d grade.

Miss Stinah Millen 1st grade, A.

Miss Louise Frapp, 1st grade, B.

Of the above, Misses Olive Ray, Lois Peek, Lottie Warren and Louise Frapp have taught in the High School before and have given general satisfaction.

Professor W. N. Henderson, the principal, reports that the members of his family who had been ill are fast improving and that they will soon move here.

A number of pupils, who had intended to come here with Mr. Henderson, have not yet arrived, as on account of the delayed moving of his family and the temporary upsetting of his other plans, it was thought best that they postpone their coming until board can be secured for them beforehand.

#### QUARTERLY MEETING AT HAMPTON.

##### Following Saturday Morning Service Basket Dinner Will Be Served.

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, September 16, 17 and 18, the third quarterly meeting of the Methodist church will take place at Hampton. Besides the business session there will be addresses and speaking by Presiding Elder T. J. Nixon and Revs. Howard Dutil and E. J. Gates.

The services Friday will be limited to a prayer meeting at 7:30 p. m. Saturday, after a sermon, dinner will be served on the grounds. Sunday forenoon, the sermon will be followed by the Lord's supper.

\* At 7:30 p. m. Presiding Elder Nixon will preach in the Methodist church at Starke.

#### SLIGHT ACCIDENT AT DOWLING MILL.

##### John Feriter Got His Sleeve Caught in Machinery.

John Feriter, who runs the board trimming machine at the Dowling mill, had the jacket sleeve of his left arm caught in one of the chains that convey the boards to the dryer early Tuesday morning. His hand was drawn under the chain and the result would have been serious, had not Mr. Feriter quickly grabbed the chain with his right hand to release the left and succeeded in tearing off the sleeve. He escaped with a sprain which will lay him up for some time.

#### Death of Mrs. Lillebridge.

Died at her home, southeast of Starke, Monday, September 12th, Mrs. Mary Emma Lillebridge, wife of E. Lillebridge, after a short illness. The deceased was 43 years of age and a native of Rhode Island. Of near relatives she leaves to mourn her departure her husband and two sons. Her many good qualities made her beloved among a large circle of friends, who mourn her and sympathize with the bereaved family. The interment took place at Kingsley cemetery Tuesday, Rev. L. W. Kickliter conducting the funeral ceremonies.

#### CONFEDERATE WOMAN'S MEMORIAL.

##### Contributions Solicited by Veterans for Worthy Cause.

To Confederate Veterans, Sons of Veterans and Friends of the Cause:

At a meeting of the Florida Division of Confederate Veterans at Live Oak October 22nd, a report was read by General Jewell, chairman of the committee, whose duty it is to raise funds to erect a monument in the state of Florida in memory of the noble women of our state, those women who served and sacrificed while the Confederate soldiers fought and suffered and died for a noble cause.

This righteous labor of loving memory to our war women has lagged and dragged its way through our reunions for years. It comes up once a year at our conventions and then it is laid to rest as we sing "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

In the Live Oak reunion the delegates from J. J. Dickson Camp, of Starke, consisting of W. T. Weeks, Captain, and Lient. J. W. Nichols, pledged the amount of fifty dollars for the benefit of the above named fund, and to redeem our pledge we are appealing to the Confederate veterans of Bradford county and to the sons of veterans and friends of the cause they represent to contribute to this fund.

In appealing to you we are not asking alms, nor do we want a contribution that does not come as a free will offering of loving memory from men who cherish the deeds of the noblest women that ever lived in this or any other land.

Poets have sung the story of their loyalty, historians have written of their courageous spirit of service and sacrifice, the artists have given them a place upon the heroics of canvas, but the men of the South have yet to give expression of their loving gratitude.

Contributions to this fund may be left with the following persons: E. S. Matthews or W. T. Weeks, Starke; J. W. Nichols, Raiford; John Croft, Lake Butler; T. J. Darden, Hampton; D. J. Byrd, Brookier.

It is desired to raise the \$50 pledged by J. J. Dickson Camp in time for the next regular meeting of the Camp, which will be held in Starke on Tuesday, September 27th, at 10 o'clock a. m. All members of the Camp are urgently requested to attend this meeting and in the meantime to help in raising our contribution to the Woman's Memorial Fund.

W. T. WEEKS,  
Commander J. J. Dickson Camp.

#### School Board Proceedings.

The school board met September 5th with all members present. Minutes of last meeting adopted.

Resignation of W. C. Barclay, supervisor of Elarbee school, accepted.

Upon motion Roberts school was re-established.

Report of J. L. Brown on New Zion school accepted.

Treasurer's report examined and found correct.

All schools are expected to open on the first Monday in October, and all the teachers are expected to equip themselves with register and necessary report blanks before opening.

Bills examined and warrants drawn in payment as follows:

438 L. W. Kickliter, member board	\$ 4.00
439 D. W. Pin obster	5.00
440 J. L. Brown	15.00
441 J. C. Poppel, salary	100.00
442 J. C. Poppel, office expenses	1.30
443 Wolfenden & Co. material	10.00
444 A. J. Griffin, teaching	40.00
445 Benjamin Brannen, material	99.78
446 M. P. Matheny, nails	4.60
447 A. A. Haven, brick	1.25
448 E. J. Ward, material	12.21
449 Bradford Co. Bank, loan	685.35
450 Bradford Co. Bank, interest	4.00
451 J. L. Brown, committee work	2.00
452 Clara Hunt, teaching	4.00
453 T. J. Poppel	6.00

#### SUB-DISTRICTS.

2904 Tomlinson & Matine, books	23.32
2905 J. W. Morgan, books	3.17
2906 Ada Nimmo, teaching	25.00
2907 Mary Estep	15.00
2908 S. B. Cason, hl	45.00
2909 Marvin Conner	35.00
2910 D. D. Davis	30.00
2911 A. J. Griffin	30.00
2912 H. R. Wiggins	110.00
2913 Union School Furn Co, books	27.00
2914	25.00
2915	27.00
2916 T. J. Poppel, teaching	60.00
2917 Clara Hunt	40.00
2918 S. B. Cason, freight	3.91
2919 Union School Furn Co, books	31.50
2920	31.50
2921	31.50
2922 C. C. Donberly, books	3.35
2923 L. A. Pinholster, teaching	35.00
2924 S. W. Dubose, work	5.00

The board adjourned until the first Monday in October.

J. C. POPPEL,  
Secretary and Co. Supt.

#### Christian Church.

Preaching services every second and fourth Sunday.

Sunday school every Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.

Prayer meeting and Bible study every Thursday evening at 7 o'clock.

All are cordially invited, and members are requested to be present.

L. A. CUNNINGHAM, Pastor.

#### Advent Church.

Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m.

## WAYWARD GIRL MEETS TRAGIC DEATH.

### Hattie Skipper Thrown From Automobile in Jacksonville Early Sunday Morning and Dashed to Death Against a Tree.

Miss Hattie Skipper, who for the past year had lived in Starke with her parents, having come here from Live Oak, was killed in an automobile accident in Jacksonville early Sunday morning while "joy riding" with another woman and two young men.

A few months ago the young woman was married to Arthur Griffith, a well known young citizen of Lawtey, but they lived together for only a short time and she returned to the home of her parents in Starke. About two weeks ago she went to Jacksonville against the entreaties of her mother, the father being absent from home at the time.

The Jacksonville Times-Union of Monday contains the following account of the tragedy that ended her life:

One woman was killed outright, another was badly injured and two young men narrowly escaped death in an automobile accident which occurred on Talleyrand avenue just opposite Edwards' roadhouse, between 2 and 3 o'clock yesterday morning, when a big touring car in which the party was "joy riding," swerved from the road, dashed into a tree at high speed and was demolished.

The woman killed was Mrs. Arthur Griffith, of 625 West Ashley street, formerly Miss Hattie Skipper, of Starke.

The great impact when the car struck the tree hurled the woman head foremost from her seat in the tonneau. Her head struck the tree with such force that her skull was fractured and her neck broken. She was placed in another automobile and rushed toward a hospital, but died on the way.

Mrs. Nettie Fernandez, of 625 West Ashley street, the other woman occupant of the wrecked automobile, was seriously injured in the wreck. One of the small bones of her leg was broken and she suffered innumerable cuts and bruises about her head and body. She was carried cityward and placed in the care of Dr. Frederick Bowen. In communication with the Times-Union-office last night, Dr. Bowen stated that while the woman's injuries were not serious, they were of a very painful nature.

The male companions of the two women were H. B. Beasley, of 339 West Adams street, and a young man named Calhoun. The two are employed by the same Jacksonville firm, and the automobile in which they were riding was the property of the firm. Beasley, who was driving the car, escaped without injury other than a severe shaking up. Calhoun was less fortunate and was put under the care of Dr. W. M. Stinson. His condition yesterday afternoon led to the belief that he might have been injured internally, but it is stated that his hurts are not serious.

The automobile itself, a new \$1,400 E. M. F. car, was completely demolished in the wreck. According to a statement made by the owner of the car last night it was damaged almost beyond repair. The tree against which the machine crashed at terrific speed was splintered, cracked and barked by the blow. The accident occurred almost directly in front of Edwards' roadhouse and numbers of people ran to the scene of the accident when the crash was heard.

The unconscious form of Mrs. Griffith was put into another automobile and hurried toward a hospital. The unfortunate woman died en route, however, and the body was turned over to Marcus Conant, undertaker. Other members of the ill-fated "joy party" were brought to the city in other cars while the wreck of the machine was left scattered about the roadside.

In response to a report telephoned in to the sheriff's office Chief Deputy Oscar Nolan and Deputy Sheriff Frank

#### As to Street Working.

W. B. Kuhl has run the road machine over several of the streets this week, cleaning the gutters and smoothing the roadway. He was followed by men who finished the work where the grader could not touch and who cleaned out the entrances to the culverts. If the grader was run often it could do better work, as it would encounter only comparatively loose dirt. When the grass is allowed to grow the sod becomes too tough for a two-horse grader to do much more than simply dig over. Hitching posts should not be allowed on the street side of the gutters, as they interfere with the grader. The mass of boards, brush and tin cans raked out of the gutters tells why they are so often jammed up and made ineffective. Some of the gutters, instead of being made deeper at each working, should be partly filled up, and when a culvert pipe is laid it should be placed a little below the bottom of the ditch, not above it, as is generally the case.

Jones drove out to the Edwards roadhouse and collected what information they could concerning the wreck. Afterwards they visited Beasley, who was at the wheel of the ill-fated car when the crash came, and secured his version of the accident, Beasley claiming at the time that none of the party had been drinking and that the accident was due altogether to a miscalculation on his part.

This morning, it was announced, an inquest will be held over the body of Mrs. Griffith. She was a woman of but 19 years and, it is stated, had been in Jacksonville but a short time. Telegrams have been sent to her husband, who is said to live in Lawtey, and to her father, but up to date no arrangements have been made for the funeral.

Mrs. Nettie Fernandez was the wife of Joe Fernandez, formerly a cigarmaker of this city. Her name has come before the public on a previous occasion in connection with a court fight over the possession of a child. The child, after the court proceedings, was sent to a convent at Tampa, but, it is asserted, was later spirited away by the father. Mrs. Griffith and Mrs. Fernandez lived together at 625 West Ashley street, a house of which the latter is said to be the proprietress.

This is not the first time H. B. Beasley has figured in an automobile accident. On September 11 he was arrested by Patrolman Jesse Greek and held in custody for a short time on a charge of careless driving. He had run by and "side swiped" an automobile used by Edward L. Carroll, civil engineer in the employ of the city. The case was compromised out of court. Beasley is a youth of probably 21 years.

In his statement to the officers yesterday Beasley said that he was on his way cityward when the accident occurred. "I was driving the car and we were going at a speed of between twenty-five and thirty miles an hour. When we struck the curve by Edwards' half-way house, I ran out too far, saw my error and turned the front wheels. The car skidded, struck the tree and that is about all I know."

Beasley explained that the curve was quite sharp and that it was very dark. He stoutly maintained that neither he nor the others of the party had been drinking and that the accident was not due to carelessness.

From the appearance of the wreckage the officers believe that Beasley underestimated the speed at which he was traveling, that he must have been running at a forty mile clip when the crash came. The accident is the first fatal one of the kind reported in this city in many months.

#### ACCIDENT SAYS CORONERS JURY.

The coroners jury empaneled Wednesday to inquire into the cause of Hattie Skipper's death returned a verdict exonerating H. B. Beasley, who was driving the automobile, from blame for the accident.

The body of the unfortunate girl was not claimed by relatives and remained at the undertaking establishment of Marcus Conant until Wednesday, when Virgie Carlisle, another resident of the restricted district, volunteered to give \$800 to pay the burial expenses and save the body from the paupers' field. Simple services were held in the chapel at the undertaking establishment and the body was buried in Woodlawn cemetery.

"She was a beautiful girl and only 18 years old. I cannot bear to think of her body being given to the paupers' field," was the only explanation that Virgie Carlisle had to offer for her charitable act.

#### Large Rattler Killed.

J. J. Southerlon, of the Lake Butler section, writes the Telegraph of a narrow escape he had the other day from being bitten by a large rattler. He was pulling corn among heavy peavines, when his dog came up and crawled in among the vines to lie down a few feet ahead of Mr. Southerlon. The dog suddenly gave a yelp and sprang out. Next the sharp sound from a rattlesnake was heard and a large rattler was found coiled up and ready for business. A rail was procured and the snake was soon despatched.

The snake had seven rattles and was the largest seen in that neighborhood in years. It was very large in circumference and had evidently just swallowed a rabbit. The circumstance that the dog first discovered the dangerous reptile probably saved Mr. Southerlon's life.

#### SMALL BLAZE MONDAY MORNING.

##### Home of DeWitt C. Jones Scene of the Fire.

Monday at noon sparks from the fire of the kitchen of DeWitt C. Jones' residence, on Nona street, set fire to the roof and there was soon a lively blaze. Messrs. E. W. Stewart, Archibald Johns and Cosmo Alvarez saw the blaze and climbed up on the roof, where they tore off shingles and dashed on water. Judge Dekle then arrived with his garden hose, which he attached to the hydrant, and by playing upon the fire with a stream from the hose it was soon extinguished.

Meanwhile the alarm had been given and the fire company arrived, Dr. A. H. Freeman towing the hose cart with his automobile, but there was then little or no more to do to the fire.

The damage by the flames, thanks to quick and well directed work on the part of the extinguishers, was very slight.

Allen Wilson, hearing the alarm a considerable distance from the fire, ran towards it at a gait that soon overhated him, and he fell exhausted opposite the Commercial Hotel. He was carried home by Dr. Freeman and soon recovered.

#### W. C. T. U. Meeting.

The W. C. T. U. met Monday at 3:30 o'clock, having changed their meeting to once a week. There were present twenty members and two visitors. The hour and a quarter spent in session was taken up by business topics, campaign songs and discussions of the different phases of the work.

These women have labored and striven very hard to achieve success in their work and are now being rewarded by seeing the membership of the Union more than doubled. They also have quite a number of business men as honorary members.

Let all who believe in state-wide prohibition give in their names at once and aid this noble cause by organized effort.

A vote of thanks was given Mr. Morgan for the eloquent and forceful lecture given in the interest of the cause Sunday evening at the Methodist church. Though not advertised as a temperance meeting, the house was filled to overflowing, which shows how much his sermons are enjoyed by those who are so fortunate as to attend. The lecture was most able and convincing and rendered in Mr. Morgan's usual pleasing style.

The members of the Union take this opportunity of thanking those who contributed to the cause. The collection amounted to \$6.40, which will be used in the cause of temperance in our home town.

Let all members be present next Monday, Sept. 19th, at 3:30 o'clock, at the Methodist church.

This Union, or at least a number of the members, will visit Hampton next Saturday, the 17th, for the purpose of organizing a Woman's Christian Temperance Union at that place.

#### S. S. Institute at Baptist Church.

Regular services will begin at the Baptist church next Sunday morning. The pastor urges the members of the church to be present, as the services will be of special interest.

Wednesday night of next week, Sept. 21, Rev. Louis Entzminger, the Sunday school field secretary of the Florida Baptist Convention, will begin a Sunday school institute in the Baptist church and hold two services each day up to and including Sunday. All friends of Sunday school work are cordially invited to attend all the services. This Sunday school meeting, in addition to stressing Sunday school work, will be evangelistic in nature and will prepare the way for the protracted meeting which will begin Monday night, September 26. Further announcements about the meeting will be made later.

#### Presbyterian Church Directory.

Rev. Wm. T. Morgan, Minister.

Phone 50.

Sabbath School, 9:45 a. m., Sunday.

J. M. Truby, Superintendent.

Preaching Services, 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Every fourth Sabbath morning at Hawthorne.

Christian Endeavor Society, 3:30 p. m., Sunday. Cosmo Alvarez, President.

Prayer and Bible Study, 7:30 p. m., Wednesday.

Sunday School Teachers' Meeting, 4 p. m. Thursday.

Ladies' Aid Society, Tuesday 3 p. m. Mrs. Mary C. Hall, President.

A cordial invitation is extended to everyone who has no church home to worship with us.

#### Episcopal Church.

Sunday September 4th, 1910, 15th

Sunday after Trinity.

Sunday School 9:30.

Morning prayer 11:00

Evening prayer 7:30.

## LIVELY FIGHT WITH A RATTLER.

### JOHN WALKER HAD HARROWING EXPERIENCE.

#### Woke Up to Find Snake in Bed With Him But Escaped Injury From Unwelcome Visitor.

John Walker, who lives a mile south of Raiford, has an experience with a rattlesnake Sunday night that he does not care to have repeated. He awoke during the night with the clammy feeling of a snake crawling over his feet and stepped out of bed as quickly as he could. He managed to light the lamp and put on his shoes. He then looked for the snake, but it could not be found. He began to think the occurrence had been a dream only and was about to go to bed again, when, as he took the coverlet to shake it out, he found the snake, a five-foot rattler, under it. His gun stood in a corner and he ran to get it, but the snake, having business in the same direction, was there before him and began to hiss its rattle. The wife and children woke up, and the younger members of the family cried lustily, which set the dogs barking.

Finding it impossible to reach the gun with his hand, Mr. Walker bethought himself of an expedient. Of a piece of hay wire he made a hook which he fastened to the end of a fishing rod and deftly poking the hook through the guard of the gun, he drew it triumphantly to him. He aimed and fired and—missed the reptile. The gun was a single-barrel and there were no more shells in the box.

It verily looked like the snake would take possession of the house, but all Mr. Walker's resources were not yet expended. He still had his trusty hoe, which he knew how to wield. He heaved it up and after a good many licks at the snake, who ran all around the room, succeeded in killing it.

The hullabaloo attendant upon the discovery of the rattler was heard by all the dogs in the neighborhood. Their masters were awakened by their barking and, hearing a gun fired at Walker's place, hastened there with guns and dogs to assist him, but did not arrive until the battle was over.

#### Raiford.

Rev. Jones, of Newton, Ala., Florida's Baptist evangelist, commenced a revival meeting here with the Baptist brethren last Sunday. Rev. Jones is well fitted for his calling and it will do you good to hear him. Next Sunday, the 18th, the meeting will probably close, and as you cannot afford to miss hearing him you would better come next Sunday.

J. C. Byrd has his first automobile experience last Friday. He started to Lake Butler on business and had two chances, one in a buggy and one in an auto. Of course he took the latter. On the way the machine ran into a bog and stuck. From the way he talks, if he cannot get a horse and buggy next time, he will walk, as he does not like the idea of pulling an auto out of the mud.

#### To Attend University.

Mr. Ray White, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. White, will shortly leave for Gainesville, where he will take a regular course in the University of Florida, after which it is his intention to study law.

Mr. White graduated with honors at the conclusion of the last term of the High School, and later took a normal course for the sake of reviewing his studies and, although the percentage required for obtaining a first grade certificate was as high as 85, he received the certificate without difficulty. This proves that he possesses a scholarly mind, ability and capacity for hard mental work, and a bright future for him may confidently be expected. Another valuable asset in his favor is his modesty, courtesy and kindness, which will procure friends for him wherever he goes.

#### From School Right Into Position.

Phi Sigma College, Melrose, Fla. Prof. Looney is attached to his school a business course in Telegraphy, Book-keeping, etc.

Now, young men, for only an extra \$5 a month, finish two courses, Literary and Business, at once, and step forth from school right into a paying position. Come on! Don't hesitate at such an opportunity.

We open the 15th inst. The school faculty will arrive on the 14th from Atlanta. Address for catalogue, Geo. C. Looney, Melrose, Fla.